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SUBJECT: SRI LANKA LIKELY TO SUPPORT US CANDIDATE FOR
COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE

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PolOff delivered ref b demarche to Sri Lankan Ministry of Foreign Affairs Deputy Director for UN and Multilateral Affairs Satya Rodrigo on August 3. Rodrigo undertook to examine the list of candidates for CAT and convey back Sri Lanka's views on US candidate Felice Gaer. On September 10, Poloff followed up with Rodrigo. Rodrigo noted that Gaer was well-qualified and commented that he could see no reason that Sri Lanka would be unable to support Gaer. However, he said he was not yet in a position to give a firm commitment on behalf of his Ministry.
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